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Dr. Wilkins, Wife Slayer, Hangs Self

afternoon has not yet been made pub; Immediately upon his death his Walter r'. Jones arrived, and all of the dead man's effects were turned over to

William von Welsen, the only one of the jurors who found Dr. Wilkins guilty who could be reached last night, shouted "My God! What do you think of that!" when told of the physician's

"He is guilty, all right," he added. "He saved the county some money, I have slept well ever since I did what I did. I think I have done justice." Wysong Expected It

Wysong, asked last night whether his client had ever said anything to lead to the belief that he

thing to lead to the belief that he might commit suicide, said:

"I fully anticipated it."

"He told me," the lawyer continued.
"that he was prepared, when he went to Baitmon, to write to an undertaker to take charge of his body and have it cremated. Dr. Wilkins said that he was going to send the undertaker \$50 for his trouble. He then told me that he decided not to kill himself because he did not want to die under a cloud.

"I thought Dr. Wilkins might destroy himself if he got the opportunity, but I never dreamed that he would get the opportunity.
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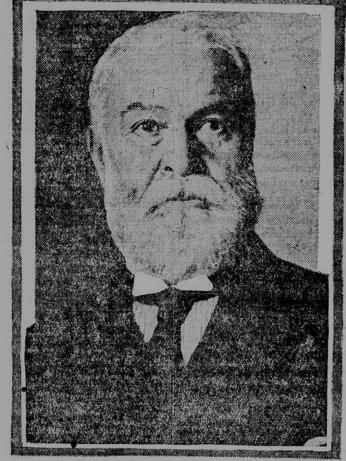
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District Attorney Weeks, who prosecuted him, refused to discuss the suicide. Louis Friess, of counsel for Dr. Wilkins, said he believed the suicide to have been the direct result of an "abominable verdict."

"I have talked to many citizens not directly interested in Dr. Wilkins's case," he said, "and I have been told that it was generally regarded as unfair. I am certain that he was innocent."

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Doomed Physician Who Kills Self



Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins This photograph of Dr. Wilkins, convicted of wife murder and awaiting the death sentence, who ended his life by hanging, was taken in the jail at Mineola.

75 Per Cent of Bars Expect to Open Tuesday

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Sheriff Seaman, who was notified at once of the suicide, was much agitated. "Never in the history of the jail," he said, "has so close a watch been kept upon a prisoner. I do not understand how it could have happened."

Last night an inquiry was begun among the hardware stores of Mineola and Hempstead to learn where the rope with which Dr. Wilkins killed himself was purchased.

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ing that President Wilson's announced determination to interfere in no way until the actual conclusion of demobilization was a serious blow to the Wets. Even this announcement, however, carried with it much of encouragement, since it contained the assurance that the President would issue a proclamation coding war-time prohibition immediately after the conclusion of demobilization.

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The body was taken late to-night to Cornell's morgue, in Hempstead, where Dr. H. M. Warner and Dr. Cleghorn will perform an autopsy.

Until the arrival of the Coroner, Walter P. Jones, the dead man's cell was locked and no one was permitted to touch his effects. Coroner Jones received all the papers and documents of the physician, including the three letters he wrote just before killing himself.

One of these was addressed to Mr. Wysong, who said the doctor's last

prohibition by repealing immediately all war-time legislation." Hotel Bars to Close

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Collection of anything approaching actual figures as to the plans of hotels, salconkeepers and retail liquor stores was all but impossible yesterday because of the Sunday holiday taken by the industry. But the facts, as far as they could be gleaned from the men who could be reached, may be summarized in this way:

Practically all of the leading hotels in and about New York will close their bars to-night, to remain closed until President Wilson issues his promised demoblization proclamation: Of this class of bars there are 1.214 in Greater New York.

Owners of at least 75 per cent of the salcons in the city expect to hang out the "business as usual" sign to-morrow morning. There are 5.856 salcons now doing business in the city, which would mean that but 1.464 will close because of war-time prohibition.

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was demobilized provoked a storm of varying comment in Congressional circles, there were no indications to-night of any concerted move to obtain immediate consideration by the House of enforcement legislation.

Indeed, the general view was that there was law enough for the present, and that the House would adhere to the plan outlined by leaders to let the whole prohibition question go over until after the holiday recess, which may begin to-morrow night or Tuesday. Members opposed to the drastic provisions of the measure reported out by the Judiciary Committee, gave notice to-day that they would endeavor to have these stricken out on the floor. From the other side came intimations that in some respects the bill was not strict enough, and it was said an amendment would be offered to eliminate the section which would permit a citizen to store liquor in his own home, and the other clause which would make its "use" lawful.

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The President made it clear in his statement issued last night that with the failure of Congress to act on his suggestion for repeal of the war time law so far as it relates to wines and beer the effect of his proclamation to be issued upon completion of demobilization would be to permit the sale of whiskey until the country becomes "dry" by constitutional amendment January 16, 1920.

This means, according to Representative Randall, prohibitionist, of California, that the country will be thrown into "a whiskey drinking orgy," which, he says, the President surely does not desire. In order, therefore, to bridge the gap between the date of the proclamation and effective date of constitutional prohibition, Mr. Randall announced to-night that he would introduce to-morrow an emergency peace

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Mr. Randall estimated that at the earliest the army would not be demobilized before October 1, at which time there would be no beer in stock and breweries would not open for a three months' run.

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Members of the House Judiciary Committee who refused to support a motion to report out a straight wartime enforcement bill, which advocates of that plan declared could be passed by both houses in a day, said they were not in the least disturbed by the talk that their attitude had led to the reported refusal of many liquor establishments to shut up shop to-morrow night. Chairman Volstead said he repeatedly had called attention to the fact that there were ample laws for dealing with offenders.

Some of the outspoken opponents of prohibition, as soon as the House takes up the bill, will endeavor to have it separated, and immediate consideration given the part dealing with enforcement of the war-time act.

They pointed out 'o-day that this should be passed as an emergency measure despite the statement of the chairman of the Judiciary Committee and others that present two are ample. The bill is put together it such a way that the separation will not require further reference to the committee.

The main fight, howe cr, will be on the definition of intoxicating liquors, with a view to the climination of the words "more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol." There will be other bills

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